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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT PRESS 8-9 DISAPPOINTED WITH VIENNA VI

1. SUMMARY: CYPRIOT PRESS REPORTED PESSIMISTICALLY CONCLUSION,
COMMUNIQUE OF VIENNA VI. GREEK PRESS BLAMED TURKISH SIDE AND
TURKISH PRESS BLAMED GREEK SIDE FOR INTRANSIGENCE, FAILURE
TO PRESENT REASONABLE PROPOSALS, LACK OF GOOD WILL.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS REPORTED VIENNA VI AS HAVING FAILED
TO ACCOMPLISH GREEK CYPRIOT EXPECTATIONS, AND AS FURTHER
EVIDENCE OF TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE. NEWS STORIES HAVE EMPHASIZED
GREEK COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR UNDERTAKING TO PRESENT BIZONAL
TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL AND TURKISH UNREASONABLE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH
THEIR COMMITMENTS WHICH DOOMED TALKS TO FAILURE. GREEK PRESS
ALSO DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE APRIL 9 TO HIGHLY SPECULATIVE
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NEWS STORIES ABOUT ATHENS MEETING OF AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD, LEDSKY
AND OTHER AMERICAN DIPLOMATS: MEETING IS REPORTED AS PART OF US
EFFORT TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF LATER NEGOTIATIONS TO WARN TURKEY
THATUDI BY "TFSC" WILL BE UNACCEPTABLE TO US, AND TO BEGIN
DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE "AMERICAN PLAN" TO SOLVE CYPRUS
PROBLEM.

3. EDITORIAL REACTION HAS FOLLOWED PREDICTABLE PARTY LINE. APRIL 8 SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS URGED IN WAKE OF TALKS THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS TURN TO UN WHICH "HAS ENORMOUS POWER. OTHERS (U.S. AND WEST?) HAVE POWER OF ANOTHER FORM. LET THEM USE IT TO SERVE MORALITY AND JUSTICE." PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA OBSERVING THAT THE TALKS TERMINATED "WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST PROGRESS" CONCLUDED THAT "THE LONG STRUGGLE EMERGES AS THE ONLY POSSIBILITY"; PRO-SAMPSON MAKHI AND PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI BOTH EMPHASIZED PRESENT NEED FOR UNITY IN GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, CALLED ON GREEKS TO CLOSE RANKS. APRIL 9 COMMUNIST HARAVGHI, CONTINUING EDITORIAL THEME OF RECENT DAYS, FOUND THAT THE TALKS "DESPITE TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AND INCONSISTENCY, HAVE BEEN USEFUL"; THEY DEMONSTRATED TO WORLD, GREEK GOOD WILL AND EXPOSED TURKISH INTENTIONS. PAPER NOTED DOOR FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS REMAINS OPEN AND INSISTED THAT PROCEDURE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS" UNDER UN AUSPICES IS THE UNIQUE AVAILABLE PROCESS THAT COULD GIVE A SOLUTION TO THE INTERNAL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM."

TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HAS REPORTED VIENNA TALKS IN RELATIVELY STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER, HIGHLIGHTING PROPOSALS EXCHANGED, AGREEMENT TO RESUME TALKS IN MAY, AND DENKTASH'S APRIL 7 STATEMENT THAT HE WAS "SATISFIED" WITH THE TALKS' OUTCOME. EDITORIALS AND OPINION COLUMNS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE, AND OFTEN STRIDENT. IN SERIES OF EDITORIALS, NATIONALISTIC, OPPOSITION HALKIN SESI HAS DECRIED GREEK CYPRIOTS' "SINISTER AND EXTREMIST" AIMS; CRITICIZED THEIR PROPOSALS FOR LEAVING DOOR OPEN TO ENOSIS AND UNDERMINING ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND SECURITY OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY; AND DENOUNCED PRESENCE OF OUTSIDE OBSERVERS IN VIENNA AS ENCOURAGING GREEK CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE. PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN COLUMNISTS, IN Milder BUT STILL NEGATIVE TONE, UNCLASSIFIED

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CRITICIZED "AUDACITY", INSINCERITY, AND LACK OF GOOD WILL AND REALISM SHOWN BY GREEK SIDE IN VIENNA. DILLERY

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